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Make Your Home Attractive.

American Agriculturist.

Mothers and fathers who have sons and daughters growing up, do not always realize as they should the great necessity of making home not merely a place in which their children eat, sleep, and are clothed, but one in which they find positive happiness and enjoyment.

The nature of youth is excessively restless; it has a longing for action and excitement, ambitious, more or less vain, and always the irrepresible desire to know a broader life. Repress these natural instincts, and you will be sure to throw them into any society that in a measure will gratify their longings. Your sons do not go to the public bar rooms at first for the taste of the liquor which they have not as yet acquired; they go for the gay companions they find there. The influence for good or evil that a mother has over her sons, the control that she exercises over their destinies, is a grave responsibility. Throw open your best room to the children in the evenings. Have books and a magazine or two, even if you put away less money. Stimulate their ambition, and invent occupations and amusements for your children. Give them games and encourage yourself to play by sharing their joys and plays. Encourage them to be affectionate. Do not with formal coldness starve them for want of caresses.

Children's Friendships.

Good Housekeeping.

Children are apt to seek the society of other children at about the sixth year of their ages. This should be a watchful period for the parents, as friendships contracted at this time have a very decided influence on the mind, morals and manners of their child. Nearly every child is influenced for good or evil through early associations. If allowed to be constantly with the nurse, their language and manners will, in nearly every case, be identical with those of the nurse. A mother should spend the greater portion of every day in the society of her children. If to rid herself of their noise she permits them to seek companions outside, she has no one to blame but herself if their manners are corrupted. All children require companionship of those of their own age, but it is very essential that the parents should choose these companions.

STAY EAST, YOUNG MAN.

Alpha Messer, master of the Vermont state grange, and one of the editors of the Rural Vermonter at Montpelier, is making a tour of the West and writes interesting letters of the same. In a recent issue of the Vermonter he thus closes:

One object of our trip is to find out, if possible, whether rich sections of the country like this offer any special inducements to Vermonters or not. After forming our opinion of the matter, we have made it a point to ask leading men in towns and counties what inducements could be held out to average Vermont farmers to "pull up stakes" and settle here. The invariable answer is "None." Farms here, with what would be termed "good" buildings in Vermont, are held at about \$60 per acre; unbroken prairie, \$20; lumber, \$20 and \$25 per thousand; most goods and groceries at from ten to twenty cents higher than in Vermont, and interest one and a half or two per cent, except on long mortgages, when it is less. Looking at these facts plainly in the face, we are constrained to say "Stay East, young man, stay East."

In last week's Rural Vermonter, Mr. Messer, writing from O'Brien county, Iowa, says:

The present season has been a very productive one, and farmers are rejoicing. If these enormous crops were sure to continue there would be no risk in buying land at the present high figures, but there is more or less risk of a failure of crops from storms and other causes which are peculiar to the West, and a failure of crops means ruin to many farmers of small means. Even in flush times, farmers have many drawbacks, and it takes lots of grain to bring the year around. Interest is high, taxes are high, and nearly every thing the farmer has to buy is enormously high. Dealers combine and bleed the farmer right and left. There is no milling done here as in the East, and flour is actually higher than in Vermont. Farmers here have the "regulation sheds" for machinery. Of the hundreds of harvesters we have seen, not one was under cover. A dealer in farm implements and machines told us that the average life of a harvester was about two years; mowers, plows and cultivators last a little longer, but the storms of one season make them look old.

The winters here are very severe, and the wind whirled the snow at a fearful rate. But many trees are being planted for wind breaks; and, as the country grows older, the severity of the winters will be less felt. Many farmers who came here eight or ten years ago, bought land for four or five dollars per acre, and denied themselves and their families the common comforts of life for as many years, are now in comfortable circumstances owing to the rise in land. Nine-tenths of the houses are unimproved, and have a uniformity of appearance, and few have any cellars. A "dug out" holds the garden truck, if there is any, and furnishes a convenient place to play hide and seek with the cypresses.

He Didn't Let Up on Them.

During the heat of the Atlanta fight the liquor men blew up a building on Sam Jones' lot one night after one of his scathing speeches, and sent him a letter saying that if he did not give up the fight they would next put dynamite under his house and blow his wife and children, with himself, up. He said: "I read the letter to my wife, and her face grew white; but she remembered fourteen years ago, and the wretchedness of our home when she had a drunken husband, and she said, 'No; don't you give up your fight against whiskey; if they do blow us up, we will all go to heaven together, and the dynamite way is as good as

any other.' I didn't let up on them, and they didn't blow us up, but I kept my promise to land them in the penitentiary for selling liquor. Three of them are there now, and five more in the county jail. There is no trouble in enforcing the prohibitory law if only you have a man with backbone for mayor. But if you have a beer tub for a governor, and a son of a gun for a mayor in every city in the state, you cannot expect to enforce it."

How Old Sam Came Home.

Our Dumb Animals.

In the city of Coldwater, Mich., there is a large sorrel horse known by the name of Old Sam. He is the most popular horse in town. In his younger days he was used as an omnibus horse, and he and his mate, a large bay, were so well trained that they would turn up to the principal hotel and back the omnibus up to the sidewalk and let the passengers land without the assistance of all by the driver. One day night the train was late, and while waiting at the station for passengers the driver fell asleep. Old Sam and his mate, after standing about for some time, started up town on their own account, backed up to the hotel in their usual way, and then went over to the livery stable where they were kept. When the war broke out the citizens of Coldwater equipped the Loomis battery with some of the finest horses that went into the army, and among them was Old Sam. He was in a great many battles, and came out unscathed, and at the close of the war the soldiers bought him of the government and presented him to General Loomis, who first commanded the battery. On the return of Old Sam to Coldwater some of the people thought they would give him a reception. So they made ready his old stall, filling the rack with hay and the manger with oats; then they met him at the railway station, and after greeting him with three cheers turned him loose and watched to see what he would do. First he went to the hotel, where he used to stop for passengers, and looked around a little. Then he went over to his old home, walked into his stall, smelt of the hay and oats and gave a loud neigh, as if to express satisfaction that everything was right, and then began cutting, as if he had been away only a few days instead of years.

Eaten up by Rabbits.

Galtymore's Messenger.

Twenty-five thousand pounds is a large reward but such is the amount offered by the New South Wales government to the happy man who hits upon an effective way of exterminating the rabbits with which the colony is overrun. The rabbit is the plague of our southern colonies. It has devastated parts of New Zealand; it is making portions of New South Wales barren and useless. The Sydney government, has made an arrangement with the squatters that each man shall kill the rabbits on his own run, receiving a government subsidy for three-quarters of the cost. The results of this scheme are the payment of £150,000 in subsidies and the slaughter of a million rabbits, without reducing any apparent diminution either in their numbers or in their rate of increase. The government subsidy, like most other forms of outlay by the state, has raised up a class of professional rabbits. There are said to be 2,000 of these men who, like the rabbits, live on the country, and some disappointed South Wales politicians throw out hints to the effect that these rabbits take measures to prevent any lessening of the plague to the existence of which they owe their livelihood. As it is the government is in a very unsatisfactory position with regard to many runs, to the occupiers of which they pay, a rabbit subsidy, double or even treble the rent they receive.—[Daily News.

This question ought to bring American inventors into the field. Many years ago a Transatlantic genius is said to have produced a snuff that when sprinkled over apples caused rabbits to sneeze so hard as to break their necks. The invention should be superseded by a better by this time.

A messenger boy came leisurely up the stairs and asked for one of the writers in the editorial rooms. He was shown the gentleman. "I say," he said, "did you send a boy up to Turk street a month ago?" "Yes," he said, "he got back yet?" "It dawned upon even the messenger boy, and he grinned so he could hardly say there was some question about an old message.—[San Francisco Chronicle.

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